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1. Brigade is not a training unit for Cubans

Observed pattern of activity over
past several years does not include
any substantial involvement in the
training of Cuban ground forces
Pattern is very similar to that of
combat units in USSR doing normal
combat rehearsals

Organization, Activities, Facilities
and Equipment are not tailored to
training other people

Moreover, unlike any Soviet
MAAG elsewhere

2. Combat Unit has not been there since '62

No one questions a continuous

Soviet military presence since '62

It's clear in post missile crisis period:

Not enough equipment

Not enough facilities

Not enough training activity for the

kind of combat unit we now see

Mission and structure changed at least

a second time since '62

When reached present form unclear

At least mid '70s

No one questions that it changed its

mission and activities when missiles

left island

3. Good intelligence performance brought this out

Not talking about detecting a Sov mil
presence

Talking about discerning its purpose -
most difficult part of intell

Have done so with confidence

Know composition - Bgde

" organization - 4 Bn

" rank structure - Col

" location - 2 sites

" size - @ 2600

" equipment - 40 tanks,
- 60 APC's

" training pattern - similar Sov
combat units
in USSR

" no observable connections with
Cuban military

If it looks like a duck, ...

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Ready to call on any additional assets -

As more info develops, more certain
what to employ

But often takes time -

Patterns of activity -

Prove either positive or negative